

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A status information sharing system for managing status information of users who operate user terminal devices, comprising:
 - a recognition unit that recognizes a presence or absence of a user at one of the user terminal devices;
 - a search unit that searches schedule information of registered users;
 - a generation determination unit that ~~generates change information of~~ ~~determines whether last~~ status information of the user's action is to be extended or not, in accordance with both the recognition of the presence or absence of the user and the searched schedule information; and
 - a generation unit that generates change information based on the result of the determination unit; and
 - an update unit that updates status information of the user's action on the basis of the generated change information.

2. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said search unit searches the schedule information of the users for the last and present schedule information.

3. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said search unit searches the schedule information of the users for next schedules.

4. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said search unit searches the schedule information of the users for past schedules.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a count unit that counts the duration of a predetermined status if the presence or absence of the user is said predetermined status, wherein said generation unit generates the change information of the status information on the basis of the duration counted by said count unit if no schedule information exists.

7. (Currently Amended) A user terminal device that ~~is capable of for~~ communicating with a server device managing schedules of registered users who operate user terminal devices, comprising:

~~a connection unit that connects to at least a manipulation input device or an imaging device;~~
~~an input unit that inputs information from the connected manipulation input device or imaging device;~~

a generation unit that generates information representing a presence or absence of a user at the user terminal device based on ~~the input information from a~~ recognition unit;

a transmission unit that transmits the generated information representing the presence or absence of the user at the user terminal device to the server device; and

a receiving unit that receives last status information of the user's action which is changed extended or not extended based on a determination in accordance with both the transmitted information and the schedule information managed by the server device.

8. (Currently Amended) A server device ~~that is capable of for~~ communicating with user terminal devices, comprising:

~~a recognition~~ an obtaining unit that ~~recognizes~~ obtains a presence or absence of a user at from one of the user terminal devices;

a search unit that searches schedule information of registered users;

~~a generation~~ determination unit that ~~generates~~ change information of determines whether last status information of the user's action is to be extended or not, in accordance with both the presence or absence of the user and the searched schedule information; and

a generation unit that generates change information based on the result of the determination unit; and

an update unit that updates the status information of the user's action on the basis of the generated change information.

9. (Currently Amended) A control method for controlling a user terminal device ~~that is capable of for~~ communicating with a server device for managing schedules of users who operate user terminal devices, comprising:

~~a connection step of connecting to at least a manipulation input device or an imaging device;~~

~~an input step of inputting information from the connected manipulation input device or the imaging device;~~

~~a generation step of generating information representing a presence or absence of a user at the user terminal device based on the input information from a recognition unit;~~

~~a transmission step of transmitting the generated information representing the presence or absence of the user at the user terminal device to the server device; and~~

~~a receiving step of receiving last status information of the user's action which is changed extended or not extended based on a determination in accordance with both the transmitted information and schedule information managed by the server device.~~

10. (Currently Amended) A control method for controlling a server device ~~that is capable of for~~ communicating with user terminal devices, comprising:

~~a recognition an obtaining step of recognizing obtaining a presence or absence of a user at from one of the user terminal devices;~~

~~a search step of searching schedule information of registered users;~~

~~a generation determination step of generating change information of determining whether last status information of the user's action is to be extended or not, in~~

accordance with both the presence or absence of the user and the searched schedule information; and

a generation step of generating change information based on the result of the determination step; and

an update step of updating status information of the user's action on the basis of the generated change information.

11. (Currently Amended) A storage medium storing a program for controlling a user terminal device ~~that is capable of for~~ communicating with a server device for managing schedules of users who operate user terminal devices, the program comprising:

~~a connection step of connecting to at least a manipulation input device or an imaging device;~~

~~an input step of inputting information from the connected manipulation input device or imaging device;~~

~~a generation step of generating information representing a presence or absence of a user at the user terminal device based on the input information from a recognition unit;~~

~~a transmission step of transmitting the generated information representing the presence or absence of the user at the user terminal device to the server device; and~~

~~a receiving step of receiving last status information of the user's action which is changed extended or not extended based on a determination in accordance with~~

both the transmitted information and the schedule information managed by the server device.

12. (Currently Amended) A storage medium storing a program for controlling a server device ~~that is capable of~~ for communicating with user terminal devices, the program comprising:

~~a recognition~~ an obtaining step of ~~recognizing~~ obtaining a presence or absence of a user ~~at~~ from one of the user terminal devices;

a search step of searching schedule information of registered users;

~~a generation~~ determination step of ~~generating~~ change information of ~~determining whether~~ last status information of the user's action is to be extended or not, in accordance with both the presence or absence of the user and the searched schedule information; and

a generation step of generating change information based on the result of the determination step; and

an update step of updating status information of the user's action on the basis of the generated change information.

13. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a transmission unit that transmits the updated status information to said one of the user terminal devices.

14. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said recognition unit recognizes the presence or absence of the user based on a status of input from an input device connected to said one of the user terminal devices or an image taken by an image device connected to said one of the user terminal devices.